

An Energy Efficiency Workshop & Exposition

Palm Springs, California

Sustainable Building Design

Workplace Standards – Air Quality/Ergonomics

June 6, 2002-4:00-5:30 p.m.

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Session Purpose

- Share information on research guidelines and practices related to indoor environmental quality:
 - > Thermal comfort
 - Noise/acoustics
 - Lighting
 - > Air quality
 - > HVAC systems



Session Format

- □ Work of NRC/FFC Ms. Lynda Stanley, NRC
- IEQ & Health: Current Research Findings and the NORA IEQ Research Agenda – Dr. Mark Mendell, NIOSH
- HVAC System Alternatives Dr. Paul Jensen, NIOSH
- Questions



What is the National Research Council?

- Operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine
- □ NAS established in 1863 to:
 - "investigate, examine, experiment, and report upon any subject of science or art," whenever called upon by any department of the government.



What is the National Research Council? (cont'd)

- IOM mission: to advance and disseminate scientific knowledge to improve human health
- NRC mission today: to provide independent, objective advice to government on issues of science and technology
- 400 studies ongoing at any one time



Studies Related to Indoor Environmental Quality



- □ Indoor Pollutants (1981)
- Indoor Allergens: Assessing & Controlling Adverse Health Effects (1993)



- Documenting Relationships Between the Workplace Environment & Worker Productivity (1998)
- Risk Assessment of Radon in Drinking Water (1999)



- □ Health Effects of Exposure to Radon (1999)
- Clearing the Air: Asthma and Indoor Air Exposures (2000)



What is the Federal Facilities Council?

- A cooperative association of federal agencies having interests and responsibilities related to all aspects of federal facility design, construction, procurement, operation, administration, maintenance and management.
 - > Established in 1953
 - > Sponsored by 23 federal agencies
 - Liaisons with industry organizations



FFC Mission

Identify and advance technologies, processes and management practices that improve the planning, design, construction, maintenance, management, operation, and evaluation of federal facilities.



FFC fulfills its mission through:

- Networking among agencies and industry liaisons
- Leveraging funding for studies and other information activities.



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FFC Indoor Environmental Quality Activities



- Changing the Federal Workplace: Integrating People, Buildings and Technologies Conference (1999)
- Sustainable Federal Facilities implementing principles of Executive Order 13123
- - Learning from Our Buildings: A State of the Practice Summary of Post Occupancy Evaluation



FFC 2002 Activity

- Implementing Health Protective
 Features and Practices in Work Places
 - Hope to build upon a finding of National Occupational Research Agenda







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